**QUEEN’S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Place Committee Meeting held at St Jude’s Community Hall,

71 Illbert St

on **Wednesday 8th November** commencing at 18:00

# **Present:** Councilors Sandra Bynoe (Chair), John McArdle, Emma Sweeney, Roger Diamond.

# Also present: Shuwanna Aaron (Proper Officer) and two members of the public

**PL 23 23/24 – Apologies for absence** – Councillor Wilson issued apologies for absence with no reason. The Committee was informed that the Councillor was most likely still in hospital. A vote was undertaken.

**RESOLVED THAT** – The apologies be APPROVED.

**PL 24 23/24 – Declarations of interest** – Cllr McArdle declared an interest as the Responsible Financial Officer.

**PL 25 23/24 - Minutes of the previous meetings** – The Minutes of the previous meetings on 12th July and 11th October were circulated as part of the meeting’s papers and accepted as read. The minutes were seconded and a vote was undertaken.

**RESOLVED THAT –** The Minutes be APPROVED*.*

**PL 26 23/24 – Public session** – Questions were raised regarding QPCC’s enforcement of the Conservation area guidelines. Councilors discussed the matter outlining that the City Council is responsible for enforcement, that QPCC will continue to raise reported violations to be investigated by the City Council, and will provide all local estate agents with information about the Conservation Area and copies of the planning guide. Another question was raised regarding the Community Council’s representation at St John’s Church Remembrance Day celebration. Councilors informed that they were not aware that the event was taken place but that the Council would be represented at Paddington Memorial Remembrance Day service.

**PL 27 23/24 – Financial Report** – The RFO delivered a financial report outlining that spending was on track with the outlined budgets and that there was income being generated through various application. The report was seconded and a vote was undertaken.

***RESOVED THAT*** *– The report be NOTED.*

**PL 28 23/24 – Contractors Report** – The Contractors Report was circulated in advance and accepted as read. The Proper Officer provided a recap of the report. The report was seconded and a vote was undertaken.

**RESOLVE THAT** – The report be NOTED.

**PL 29 23/24 – Public Realm Improvements** – The Proper Officer delivered a report outlining an upcoming meeting with the City Council’s Place Shaping Team to discuss the Community Council’s Public Realm ambitions. Councillors discussed and identified several options including:

* Play equipment in the park for older children
* New Benches thin the Road Gardens
* New Noticeboards in the Park
* Replacement of the 4th Avenue Park Gates.
* Removal of some shrubbery surrounding in the Park
* Replacement to the Welcome to Westminster Sign and planters on Harrow Road/ Kilburn Lance.
* Improved Planting Plan on Mozart Estate
* Increased Tree Pit Planting across the area – with resident’s support
* Front Garden improvements
* Improvements to Ashmore Road War Memorial
* Pedestrianization Forth Avenue (in front of the ST Jude’s Hall, replacing and adding planters to create an outdoor community space.

It was proposed that these recommendations be feed-in to the City Council. The proposal was seconded and a vote was undertaken.

***RESOLVE THAT*** *–* The recommendations be APPROVED.

**PL 30 23/24 – E-Scooter and e-bike Parking experimental Traffic Order** – The Proper Officer delivered a report experimental traffic order in place since 30th October. Councillor discussed the report and raised concerns about the replacement of pay-by-phone Parking on Ashmore Road due to existing difficulty finding parking especially for visitors. Councillors also objected to the replacement of coach pay-by phone parking on Ilbert Street unless there are alternative provisions made for coach parking often needed by schools and local organizations. It was proposed that these objections be fed into the City Council. The proposal was seconded and a vote undertaken.

***RESOLVE THAT*** *–* The report be APPROVED

**PL 31 23/24 – Working Groups** – The Proper Officer delivered a report on behalf of the Working Groups highlighting that:

* The Public and Community Arts working group has not met since its last meeting, but plans for a Community theatre project were being put in place.
* The Air, Environment and Climate emergency working group has also not yet met, the working group will facilitate a workshop following this meeting and a report will subsequently be made available to the Committee.
* Ray Lancashire delivered further information on the July Air Quality monitoring results, informed the meeting that the pending monitoring programme in December and other Air Quality monitoring schemes in neighbouring wards.

**PL 32 23/24 – Officer’s Report** – The Proper Officer delivered a report outlining that:

* Funding application have been made to support Place Projects
* Monthly meeting with the parks teams has not been held for a few months – so there are no further updates outside of those discussed earlier
* Ashmore road now has street play session confirmed until August next year and is set to have its Play Street designation in the new year also
* Garden Clean Up Project went ahead quite successfully over the summer – there is final session planned to take place late October / November to complete two gardens we could not get completed in the summer.
* There has not been any Community Clean-up session since early summer – the next Community Clean-up session will take place after winter Festival. We are also offering litter-picking sessions to corporate volunteers and expect to schedule one before the Winter Festival Clean -up.
* The jubilee Community center is now open with 20 hours free usage being allocated to QPCC to be used by Community groups and individuals facilitating free events. Due to constant delays and being informed with less than a week’s notice, only 12 of those hours are currently filled as some groups could not get their projects us an running to start immediately.

***RESOLVE THAT*** *– The report be NOTED.*

*Meeting closed at 19:50*

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| Signed by…………………………………………………….  Date……………………………  Councillor Sandra Bynoe (Chair of Place Committee)  Minute Ref: PL23 –33 23/24 |